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1. IN COPYRIGHTED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE, ST.JOHN S "DAILY NEWS" OF 4/20/76 STATES THAT CANADA WILL DECLARE A 200-MILE LIMIT IN MAY WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT 1/1/77. SOURCE OF INFO NOT GIVEN.

2. ARTICLE STATES THAT CANADIAN ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN DECIDED ON BECAUSE IT CLEAR THERE IS NOW NO HOPE OF MULTI-LATERAL AGREEMENT ON 200-MILE LIMIT IN PRESENT SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE AND BECAUSE IT DESIRABLE THAT CANADIAN ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF JUNE ICNAF MEETING IN CUBA.

3. NOTING THAT BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS CONTEMPLATING UNCLASSIFIED
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A FUTURE 200-MILE LIMIT HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONCLUDED WITH NORWAY, FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND POLAND (REPRESENTING,

IN TOTAL, 86 PERCENT OF FOREIGN FISHING EFFORT OFF CANADA S
EAST COAST), PRESS REPORT POINTED OUT THAT USSR IS ONLY
COUNTRY FISHING OFF EASTERN CANADA WITHOUT ITS OWN BILATERAL..

4. DECISION SEEN BY NEWSPAPER AS BARELY IN TIME TO SAVE
NEWFOUNDLAND S FLOUNDERING FISHERY (NO PUN INTENDED) AND
TOO LATE TO AVERT CRISIS CAUSED BY DECLINING REDFISH
STOCKS IN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE. WITH RESPECT TO LATTER
PROBLEM WHICH COULD CAUSE SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG
PROVINCIAL FISH PLANT WORKERS, UNDERSTAND CANADA PLANS SEEK
LARGER ICNAF QUOTAS IN OFFSHORE AREAS TO COMPENSATE FOR
FISHING EFFORT CUT BACK IN GULF.
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